

**Next Meeting: June 7, 2006
10:00 a.m. – Michigan Education Association**

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of May 3, 2006 Meeting
10:00 a.m.

Present: Beverly Baroni-Yeglic, Michael Beach, Patt Clement, Julie Daggett-Lawrence, Cheryl Ervin, Darlene Heard-Thomas, Donna Herrle, Elaine High, Linda Keway (for Ric Hogerheide), Jill Jacobs (for Barbara Stork), Dara Knill, Jim Kubaiko, Paul Kubicek, Sharon Melko (for Cindy Anderson), Jerry Oermann, David Overly, Susan Peters, Sue Rabidoux (for Gloria Anderson), Anne Richardson, Chuck Saur, Jeff Siegel, Richard Spring, Deb Todd, Jan Van Gasse, Colette Ward, Julie Winkelstern, Michael Yocum
Ex-Officio Members: Lynn Boza, Mark Larson, Doug Nurenberg (for Sheri Falvay)

OSE/EIS Staff: Jacquelyn Thompson, Sheryl Diamond, Meredith Hines, Fran Loose, Patti Oates-Ulrich, Ann Omans, Liz Vorisek

Guests: Jonelle Gillette, Sandi Laham, Chuck Stockwell

Absent: Susan Backman, Robert Hove, Lee Martin, Julie Shore

Vice Chairperson Colette Ward called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Introduction of Guests

Guests were introduced.

Amend/Approve Proposed Agenda

Under Evaluations add: demonstration of Zoomerang.
A motion was made by Colette Ward to amend the agenda to reflect this addition. Paul Kubicek seconded the motion, motion carried.

Motion made by Deb Todd to amend items 9 and 15 to remove Kathy Barker and add Jacque Thompson under item 9. On item 15 substitute Michigan Department of Education (MDE) on agenda above.

Amend/Approve Minutes

Amendments to the April minutes:

Deb Todd made a motion to amend the Committee of the Whole minutes on page 4 under member announcements, the last sentence, change "Sharon Dietrich will be talking about parent membership" to "Sharon Dietrich or a representative of the MDE will be talking about the State Performance Plan (SPP), Parent Advisory Committees (PAC), state grant and parent leadership training."

In Executive Committee minutes, add Beverly Baroni-Yeglic as being present; under Other Issues add that Deb Todd had requested that former SEAC members be able to access information on emerging issues on the SEAC website. Anne Richardson indicated she was not in attendance at the last meeting.

Seconded by Jerry Oermann, motion carried.

The minutes of the April 5, 2006 meeting were approved as amended.

Public Comment

None

Member Comment

Beverly Baroni-Yeglic noted the issue of social worker licensing as opposed to the previous certification of social workers. She indicated that special education directors must be updated as to the new licensing requirements for school social workers.

Julie Daggett-Lawrence requested clarification about a recent administrative law judge ruling that was very confusing. The issue is around age of majority, parent rights, and confusion regarding power of attorney and guardianship. Jacque indicated that staff would assist in clarifying these terms.

Chairperson's Report – Colette Ward

Colette introduced Meredith Hines as the new secretary for SEAC 06-07 and thanked Liz for her work this last month. Jacque indicated that Liz would continue through June.

Subcommittees were reminded to prepare a one and one-half page report of their activities for the June end-of-year SEAC report.

Colette stated that Patt Clement had recommended the ARC representative be on a rotating "defined"* membership rather than as a standing "defined"

membership status. The Executive Committee requests that the Bylaws Committee look into the possibility of rotating "defined" membership for all members' organizations. (Four organizations currently are required to have a "defined" member representative.)

*A "defined" member is a person with a disability or a parent of a child/student 26 years of age or under who has been identified as having a disability under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

A. Chairperson and Vice Chairperson elections

The nominations for the chair are Jerry Oermann and Chuck Saur, and for Vice chair Beverly Baroni-Yeglic and Bob Hove.

State Report – Jacque Thompson

A. State Board of Education (SBE) – There are no items of a policy nature projected for next month. There was no consensus on the issue of Seclusion/Restraint, but the Board has suggested that a positive behavior support policy be drafted which aligns with the school improvement framework and the school health model for all students.

B. The United States Department of Education (USDoE), Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) has included several new areas of data collection in the State Performance Plan (SPP): post-school outcomes, secondary transition, and preschool outcomes. Data on the status of 3-5 year olds with IEP's will be largest challenge for data collection in Michigan. The SPP and Annual Performance Report (APR) are due in February 07. There is a large collaborative effort between Special Education and Early Childhood to collect data based on assessments of the progress of 3-5 year olds.

As part of the SPP, Michigan must submit sampling plans for data collection to the USDoE. Survey research must meet their approval. Any school district with more than 50,000 students has to be sampled every year. Detroit will be part of the sample(s) every year.

Relative to the NCLB Act, states are required to submit accountability workbooks or plans. The SBE approves the policies regarding components of the accountability plan for the state and these are submitted to the USDoE. Discussion followed about Michigan's current status for AYP calculations and alternate assessment.

Report cards to school districts are delayed pending decisions about the accountability plan.

Cheryl E. expressed concern about the challenge of personalized curriculum (in the new High School legislation) due to increasing class size.

A. IDEA 2004 Implementation Activities - None

Ex-Officio Reports

Institutions of Higher Education – Mark Larson.

Mark Larson reported for the Institutions of Higher Education Advisory Committee supported by OSE/EIS. One of the tasks the group has accomplished is to look at standards for teacher preparation programs. Universities can undergo a national periodic review for standards, or a state review. Michigan has established standards for those state universities for the state review. The focus now appears to be on the outcomes of those training programs (the teachers that are produced).

Michigan Department of Community Health – Sheri Falvay/Doug Nurenborg – None

Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth/Rehabilitation Services – Lynn Boza –

Department of Human Services – Lee Martin – None

Michigan Department of Corrections – Michele Robinson – None

Committee Reports

High School Transformation – Deb Todd reported that last month a list was developed for positive or negative consequences.

Post-Secondary Outcomes – Chuck Saur (Susan Peters reporting). There are four goals that the committee is working on: (1) Use of high school reform changes, (2) Increase quality of transition process which is aligned with SPP indicator 13, (3) Provide a voice on transition across all groups as related to SPP indicator 13, (4) Improve teacher education on transition. The Transition Core team has been in process for two years. Susan gave an update on committee work for post school outcomes and transition. There are a number of key players in state agencies, employers, labor, etc. This committee is in the discovery process to gather information from these groups to form recommendations. In the diagram there is huge gap between what we control and what we don't control which helps identify what needs attention.

A. Suspension/Expulsion – Paul Kubicek (Beverly Baroni-Yeglic reporting)

There will be an Action Item next month on recommendations for suspension/expulsion.

SEAC is looking to reduce the number of suspensions and expulsions for all students, not just special education students. The subcommittee is looking at

the impact of Zero tolerance, and anti bullying policies as well as programs designed to reduce behaviors such as acting-out through positive behavior support school wide programs. In this work it was noted that students can feel disenfranchised due to bullying. Discipline is an important, challenging, and complex part of this issue. Sometimes it is suggested that a student stay home as a form of informal suspension/expulsion. The subcommittee will finalize this document for presentation and approval to the Committee of the Whole as an Action Item next month.

Richard Spring emphasized the need to maintain a safe learning environment for all students, while eliminating unnecessary suspensions/expulsions. Additional data is needed.

Information Items

The SEAC Recommendations Regarding Suspension/Expulsion
The Suspension/Expulsion Subcommittee of the SEAC presented an item to the Committee of the Whole regarding the need for increased attention to preventing students from being suspended or expelled.

Action Items

None

Member Announcements

An MEA professional development conference will take place the Thursday through Saturday after Thanksgiving. Requests for presentations are due by May 9th. The main focus will be on closing the achievement gap.

The Victory Games for children with motor challenges and other disabilities will be held May 18-20 at MSU at MSU Case Hall, the track and IM West.

SEAC Learning: State Performance Plan Indicator 3–Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

Jacque Thompson gave a Presentation on SPP Indicator #3 Adequate Yearly Progress. The Powerpoint for this presentation is available.

Discussion followed regarding the role of the new monitoring system and district self-assessment(s) as well as issues related to accommodations and testing.

Future Agenda Consideration – none

Jan Van Gasse requested a presentation regarding the Merit Exam.

Process Check – Chuck Saur (Paul Kubicek)

Announcement of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2006-07
New Chairperson is Chuck Saur; New Vice Chair is Beverly Baroni-Yeglic.

Evaluation, Adjournment to Subcommittee Meetings and Willard Daggett DVD during lunch.

- A. Patti Oates-Ulrich demonstrated Zoomerang as a pilot plan for evaluation. An email with the hot link directly to the survey will be sent, and is available for responses.
- B. The meeting was adjourned to subcommittees. Executive Committee debrief will be held in room A in 1216 Building following the subcommittee meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Vorisek
Recording Secretary

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Executive Committee
Minutes of May 3, 2006 Meeting
8:45 a.m.

Present: Beverly Baroni-Yeglic, Patt Clement, Meredith Hines,
Paul Kubicek, Sandi Laham, Fran Loose, Patti Oates-Ulrich, Jerry Oermann,
Ann Omans, Susan Peters, Jacque Thompson, Deb Todd, Colette Ward, Jan
Van Gasse, Liz Vorisek,

Absent: Sheryl Diamond, Ric Hogerheide

1. Review of Today's Agenda

- a. Jacque Thompson will present on State Performance Plan
Indicator #3, Adequate Yearly Progress.

2. Chairperson Report

Ballots are available for counting today. Jerry Oermann, Deb Todd, and Jan Van Gasse will count.

3. State Department Report

No major policy items going before the Board, just ongoing work of OSE/EIS. By October, there may be a joint presentation with the Office of School Improvement.

4. Information Item

A draft of The Suspension/Expulsion Recommendations is ready for review today and will be an Action Item next month.

5. Action Items – None.

6. Today's Subcommittee Work

A. High School Transformation – Deb Todd

Positive and negative consequences of high school reform were discussed.

B. Post-Secondary Outcomes – Susan Peters

SPP 14 rubric as it currently stands – Chuck Saur

C. Suspension/Expulsion – Paul Kubicek See Information Item

Future Agenda Development

- End of Year Report-The Chairperson, with input from subcommittee chairs, will prepare a report that will be sent to the SBE as an Information Item It is anticipated the report will focus on learning that has taken place and the implications.
- Michael Flanagan will make a presentation on high school graduation requirements at the next meeting.
- Office of School Improvement will be invited to present in November/December.

Other Issues

Explore the possibility of videoconferencing and a website that would be inclusive of past SEAC members.

The executive committee will debrief following today's subcommittee meetings.